

17
Partridges
OBSERVATIONS
For the Year 1692.

OR, AN
ACCOUNT

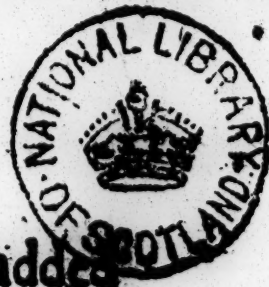
OF
Divers Remarkable Things

Which shall happen in most Parts of

EUROPE

Each Month.

But particularly in *France* and
Flanders, &c.



To which is added

Sam Gadbury's Verses about the *Prince of Wales*, in his Almanack 1689, Travesty'd.

Edinburgh, Re printed in the Year 1692.

3911

1

11

11

11

11

11

11

11

11

11

11

11

11

A
W
H
H
A
H
H
T
B
A
H
T
F
W
H
P
O
H
H
S
C
A
O
B
I
T
T
m
L
W
y
B

The Introduction:

AN Ancient Hermit by a craggy Hill,
By Natur's help, and art, had form'd a Cell.
Where he did live from Rage and Madness free.
And did observe that curse, *Mans Luxury:*
He spent his days in Peace content, and Ease,
And long before forelaw poor *Englands* case.
He smil'd to see *French Apes* fill *Albions* Hall.
And make the *English* Lyon their Jack-call,
And how the *Gallick Circe* did prevail,
How well she bow'd, and crign'd, & wag'd her Tail.
How sure she dealt, how Rich by a light gain,
How well she rid us, and was rid again.
He laught to see *Towns* sold, and *Faith* betray'd;
Honesty sneak, *Hypocrisy* obey'd.
To see the great Ones how their manner was,
Roar against *Rome*, and yet they went to *Mafs.*
But griev'd to see how our Religion stood;
And *Faiths* pretence by *Knaves* was built in *Blood.*
How they proceeded, how they laid their Crimes
To *Excommunications*, *Jails*, and *Fines*;
From such a *Faith*, and *Men*, Lord set us free,
Whose Doctrine gives a *murd'ring* Destiny!
He piti'd *England's* fate, how tamely she,
Parted with *Charters*, *Laws*, and *Liberty*.
Observ'd their *Passive Cant*, their *Noise*, and *Tools*.
How with *Church* notions they betray'd the *Fools*,
He wept to see the *murd'ring Trade* and *Crew*;
Sheriffs made, and *Juries* packt, they knew would do.
Crimes torm'd and forg'd, & when they wanted more
A *swinging* swearing *Tool* they had in store;
Or else some *Inuendo*, then in force,
By which those *Judges* with their *Wise* discourse;
If *Brick bat* was but nam'd, 'twas prov'd a *Horse.*
Thus *Whipe* and *Halter* mov'd, as *George* gave *Laws*
That *Butcher-General* to the *Popish* Cause.
imagin'd Crimes, Crimes that were never done,
Let *Collonel Sydney's* Murder stand for one,
Where *Inuendo* did our *Work* alone.
By these, and such like means was all destroy'd;
By these, base Actions, and worse were employed:

PARTRIDGES Observations

For the Year 1692.

Observations upon January.

Gadbury.

Come mighty Muse ! Assist me once agen,
Touch thou my *Cranium*, and inspire my Pen ;
And let the *Black mouth'd* Tribe again reflect,
Tho I don't *Prophecy* I may *Predict*.
And that it may with Truth and Good be blest.
Heaven guide my hand, let mighty *Jove* assist.

Partridge.

All hail, my Masters ! here is muckle do,
A year of Wonders dost thou call it John.
'Twas such a year so fatal to your Crew,
It hath not left you Ground to Anchor on.
Let *Chains* then be their Lot, who humbly crave,
And beg to be a little *Bastard's* Slave.

It is now just a year since our *Holy Plot* was discovered, when *Passive Obedience* was turned into *Rebellious Resistance*, and a design laid to destroy the *bravest Prince* in the World, and this done by those who in their publick Auditories had be-rebell'd all mankind but their own Faction ; by those, I say, at *whose doores* lies all the Blood and miseries of *Ireland*

If we consider that the Ingress was attended with a ☿ of the ☉ and ♀ and a △ of ♀ and the ☉, those things compared with the beginning of this month, seems to shew us much news discoursed of among all People; and especially about Peace, and such Affairs as relate thereunto, as Truces, Cessations of Arms, and the like, and do you think there is any thing in it ? *Vix Credo*.

For ☉ and ♀ are Cadent, and the old plotting Knave ♄ is in ☿ to ♀, from the third and ninth, the house of Religion : I hope we have no more holy Plots coming abroad again, and yet I dare venture a Wager there is something in it, but it will be smothered in the Birth : be that plots for the Church plots safe,

The Councils of *Europ's* very hush

Observations on February.

Gadbury.

Of late, Heaven's Cohorts did each other greet,
And at their General Rendezvous did meet.
Mavors in Gemini; there still resides,
While Chronos on his Half-hors'd Bowman rides.
Th' Effets lie snug and hush; and then begins,
When Sol and Sullborn do embrace the Twins.

Partridge.

When Gadbury's Stars and Angels did appear,
The Freinds of Rome flew swiftly through the Air.
From some small Cell or Cellar, as 'tis thought.
The Reaking Babe was in a hurry brought.
Immortal Elf: how often that did dye,
Its Real Father knows no more than I.

At the Ingress in December we find the ☽ void of course, but the ☉ is going to the Δ of Ψ , and on the Cusp of the Ascendant in δ , but the ☉ lately seperated from the δ of δ , and the Body of δ , and this so near the Tropick, that I fear will spoil the Influence of Ψ 's Balsamick Rays, which indeed tend to peace.

But here we find the ☽ going to the square of η and δ , and toward the end of the month we shall see the Effects of it in London among the New Non-cons, and the murmuring Crew, and it will be about some seditious thing in reference to the Government; perhaps meeting to affront the King and Queen, as they have done before; but I remember when a Gallows used to be the reward of such things in the two late pious Reigns; but the case is altered, the Murderers then are the Traytors now.

It also shews some suddain surprize or treachery in Flanders; perhaps the French Tyrant may go to market about this time to take Towns after his usual way of fighting without Blood, Ob-

Observations upon March.

Gadbury.

With full career, Sol to the Ram doeth hie,
He being there the Judge of Equity;
But ere he doth his Regal Throne possess,
Grim furious Mars disturbs his happiness,
Hence Feuds and Differences; hence too, Treach'ry flows
Perfidious Friends are worse then open Foes.

Partridge.

Who dars call eighty eight an empty year,
When things so plain in plenty did appear.
It gave a Prince by Miracles begot,
And smooth fat Priest from foraign nations brought
Mass-houses publick, did each City grace
The Regulators; and Salisbury Race:

At the Lunation now approaching, we find both ☉ and ♃ in exact square to ♄ from ♀ and ♁. *Lites Rixæ, Interfectiones multas in multis Locis*, Mars is in a human Sign, from whence we usually find Quarrels and Contentions, as well publick as private, from whence also we shall hear of Duels and Murders about this time in divers parts: also Skirmishing by Parties of those Soldiers that guard the Frontiers of Countries and Garrisons. We may also expect to hear of some Cruelty, Murder, or other Villanies committed by the bloody Rapparees Papists in Ireland. In short, mankind in general are about this time inclin'd to Violence, and Villanies, Roberies, and Blood; as besides this Lunation, the square of ♄ & ♀, & the square of the ☉ & ♄ shew
Whatsoever the discourse is about a Peace at this time, will end in words and noise, and have no other effect, for I can see no real ground to judge any such thing, and besides, the War hath not travelled its full Journey yet.

Much lying news spread abroad to the abuse of the Credulous and this about some considerable thing as they report,

Observations upon April:

Gadbury.

The Orbs and Stars; how steadfastly they're hurl'd?
Those Arks where God hides Judgments for the World;
That shake its Pillars; yet themselves we find.
Beyond the Rage of Thunder, Storms, and Wind.
And when th' Almighty, through these Trumpets calls
Poor tott'ring Man, he staggers, and he falls.

Partridge.

No, no, four Criticks, we cannot deny,
That Honest Jack hath learnt to Cant and Lye.
That year's suppli'd in full with Lies and Tales,
About the Glories of his Prince of Wales.
Poor harmless Babe! miscall'd a Prince of Bliss,
Born for his Mothers Ease, not Consciences.

Holland seems active and early in their Preparations for this Summers Affairs; and this as well for Land as Sea service, which is aptly enough shewed by δ 's being in \mathcal{S} , in $*$ to \mathcal{V} , and applying δ in \mathcal{S} , a Northern Sign, with North Latitude, free from all Affliction, and in $*$ to \mathcal{Q} , Lord of the tenth, shews, that the Armies of Europe are endeavouring to take the Field betimes, and that the Princes of Europe are making vigorous Preparations for the following Campaign, and this the rather, because δ is also Angular in the tenth house, and their applying to the Sextile and Parallel of \mathcal{V} , Lord of the 7th, which they say is the House of War. But this Application between δ and \mathcal{V} seems also to shew some Propositions for Peace, but I think it is for no other end, but to protract time till some other design is ready.

Is it possible there should be an \mathcal{O} of \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{G} from \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{F} , and no Knavish Villainies acted or discovered in or about London at such a time! if there is any Roguery now against the Government, be sure there is a Woman up to the Ears in it; but be it what it will, a Woman is at the bottom, and the thing is villainous. The \mathcal{O} of \mathcal{Q} and \mathcal{Z} , should give the Merchants good news,

Observations upon May.

Gradbury.

As the Sun's Rays and heat without controul,
Dissolves the frozen Mountains near the Pole;
So 'tis his Beams refresheth Earth and Air,
Excites to motion. calls out men of War,
In thy good time, O Lord, let mankind be,
From Rage, Oppression, Force, and Madnes free.

Partridge.

That Land's unhappy, and will e're be so,
That hath a Prince can neither stand nor go.
For he that's led by Priests. by Priests is sway'd,
And Priests by King and Laws must be obey'd.
'Twas from such Laws (that King resolv'd to shine)
As Lewis gives, and not a Constantine,

Some mighty Action near, of the nature of
♂; that is, fighting either by Sea or Land, notwithstanding the ☉ is in ♀ with ♀ and * to ♀ and ♀ in * to ♂ likewise. And I really judge the Arms of the victorious King of England is about this time successful against the Christian Turk, he I mean that scorns to be just or honest the French Tyrant; and I judge also, there is probability of the Effusion of much Blood, as well as a prospect of Victory.

These Rays do also shew many Men according to their Qualities shall receive various Favours and Marks, or Characters of Honour, either as Rewards for Service and Valour, or else to qualify them for publick Business.

On May 20. & 22, 1685. Dr. Oates was whipt; being tryed by a Protestant Jury, and Protestant Judges, such as they were; and found guilty on Popish Evidence; he had 2256 Lashes with a Whip of six Thongs knotted, which amounts to 13536 Strips: his Judges were Jefferies, Withins, Walcot and Holloway.

There is now an ♂ of ♀ and the ☉, this makes a great Man frown, &c. There is work for the Messengers abroad if they will but look out sharp, &c.

Observations upon June.

Gadbury.

Saturn and Jove confront each other's Rest,
One Natur's States man, t'other her High-Priest.
They fall at odds; ay, let them quarrel too,
If Mankind suffer'd not for what they do.
They move and scatter what they have in store,
And snatch those Joys away, they gave before.

Partridge.

By whole Examples must our after Kings.
Shun all those Causes whence Rebellion springs?
Your Prince of Wales I know, while your soft Names,
Of Golden Laws are joyn'd to Iron Chains.

'Twas Tyrant-force made People try their Brains,
To Abdicate the Cause, and break their Chains

The Death of some old States-men, Officers
or Persons eminent in dispensing the Govern-
ment of Nations, seems to prepare and make
the way for the rising of others, for Removes and
Preferments, &c. And where Armies are near
there is great expectation of Action between
them, but I do judge the greatest and more con-
siderable part of such Motion and Action will
be deferred till the end of this Month, or be-
ginnig of July, but still preparing and great
expectation what will be the Event of it.

The Affairs of this Month seem to concern
Spain in their Military and Martial Negotia-
tions; France in every thing that relates to her
Government and Quiet; Hungary and Dalmatia, &c. are affected
with some Dissentions, either about settling their Government, or
about some Points of Religion. London is also disturbed with some
Divisions in her particular Government; uneasy murmuring Spi-
rits are still trying their Tricks to destroy their own Quiet, and
the Peace of all besides: Poor Men! they want a Hobby horse;
but the best on't is, they are Men of more Hope than Courage, &c.
Is London healthy? viz credo. Some eminent Wedding ends the
Month, or near it.

Ob-

Observations upon July.

Gadbury.

Let all the Plagues of Marther now be flung
On that curs'd Babe from whence those Mischiefs sprung
There's ruffling work above; and hence must flow,
Mutations here; some Tyrants overthrow:

Tho at this distance, yet methinks I hear
Most pleasant News, some Abdication near.

Partridge.

None need doubt Ease and Quiet, since we have
Heaven's Gift and Blessing in a Prince so brave.
Born to restore our Laws, that gasping lay,
That Papists and worse Men had torn away;

This is the Man, nor your Welsh Prince, shall be
The true Restorer of our Liberty.

Although the ☿ of ♀, and ♃ have a large
Share in the Actions and Affairs of this Summer
as the other Rays and Lunations have; yet it is
to be considered differently from them, they be-
ing both of a slower Motion and greater Bodies
than the rest; and always with their present In-
flux stamp a new face on the publick Affairs of
the World, and at this time of Europe in parti-
cular, as a few Months hence will inform us
for there are three Oppositions as well as there
were three Conjunctions.

But at present all things tend to Violence and
Blood, the real Effects of War and Confusion
Pax queritur bello, after a Storm comes a Calm
The ☐ of ♀ and ♂, and ♃ and ♂ from Humane Signs, shew
great Effusion of Blood by fighting; *quando cum hoste manus con-*
seruerint; they also give Thieves intesting the High-ways with
Murder rather than the loss of their prey; some Mischiefs done
the Tories in Ireland, and I think they are divers of them reward-
ed with a Halter, their due desert.

This Month is attended throughout with much News and Intel-
ligence, Some removes among the Clergy, &c. and a merry
Couple much talked of.

Observations upon August.

Gadbury.

Is London free from Traitors? is that Crew
Still seeking that, some Years hath been their due?
Alas good Men! the Passive Cant's laid by,
And now Resistance is no Blasphemy.

Well! they are Men of Noise, and so it proves:
Pray ask abroad how the grand Tyrant moves?

Partridge.

Here John tells truth; in this sweet Prince (said he)
Our Hopes are laid of all Felicity-
Each pays his Tribute; John alone, you see,
Abounds in his old Talent, Flattery;
This is his Offering, proper to his Sphere;
A precious Tool to breath a Holy Prayer.

At the Lunation that begins this Month we
find no Planet angular; and therefore do I judge
no considerable thing that is really new can be
expected at this time: and notwithstanding
there are so many Aspects in the Month, yet it
will follow the Fate and Effect of the *Revoluti-*
onal Ingress next preceding, and the ☿ of ♀ and
♂. The ☐ of ♀ and ♀ from ♀ and ♀, gives a
abundance of lying false News and Rumors, some
about Sea-Affairs, Merchants, Merchandizing,
and the like; and I dare be positive almost that
there will be some notorious piece of Cheatery
acted and brought about under the *Notion* and
Mask of Religion.

The ☐ of the ☉ and ♀ creates abundance of Difference in
London. Heats in their Councils, and it should be about something
that relates to its Government, but it will be for the City's Advan-
tage in the Conclusion, and I think for the Establishment of its
future Peace. But I fear London and also some parts of the Nation be-
sides, will find it to be a sickly Autumn, some new Fevers, Collicks &c.

Toward the latter part of the Month we may expect to hear
of some Action from beyond Sea, of a Battel, Skirmish, or, such
like Enterprize.

Observations upon September.

Gadbury.

Hath Europe's Foes laid by their murdering Laws,
And the grand Murtherer disown'd his Cause?
Do Popish Projects with their Plots decrease?
And Noah's Dove bring in the Branch of Peace?
Pray then inquire; ask if it can be;
If England's Monarch says it, I agree.

Partridge.

And let September never be forgot,
Nor Modena, nor yet the bawdy Plot;
Nor yet Dada, who, as the Story tells,
Lent her his hand, and with that Aaron's Bells.
When Babes by Miraslet are got, as said,
Farewel the ancient way of Sheets and Bed.

The ☐ of the ☉ and ♄, and the ☉ and ♃ will
in some measure influence September also, as
yet I do not think it will give any considerable
Action abroad either, as to the Wars, by Sea
or Land, or to the State of Affairs and Coun-
cils of Europe, and yet it seems to shew Dis-
turbance and Quarrels, but they will be in and
among private Companies and Societies which
may prove the Cause of Duels, Murders, &c.
The ☐ of ♄ and ♃ as they are qualified at the
last New Moon, shews the Death of some emi-
nent Lady, and the Misfortunes and Trouble
of others. If ♄ be in the seventh, as I do believe
he is, in ♄ to ♀, and both Peregrine, he shew
much Robbing and Mischief toward the end of the Month; and
also the discovery of People that abuse the Coin of the Nation
either by clipping, coining, washing, &c. Some cunning knave
Lawyer or Clerk catch'd in doing what he ought not to have done.
A brave bold Fellow, one of the Sons of ♄, receiveth Pre-
sent as a Gratuity for his Bravery. Mercury having been twice
☿ to ♃ this Month, will give good News to the City of London
and I think it comes from some of our Western Plantations.

Observations upon October.

Gadbury.

There's mighty News abroad, 'tis come from far:
About some King's Affairs of Peace or War:
Jove's in the Twins: Methinks I hear the Voice
Of the curs'd murmuring Crew; the rest rejoyce,
God save the King, and he that wont say so,
Burton and Graham's Blessing with him go.

Partridge.

October did this Land a King afford,
A Prince (John says) that never broke his Word;
Whose Courage, Wit and Conduct hath done more,
Than all our great Reformers could before.

His Reign was short; to Priests he owes his Fall;
For Priests and Church he lost his Crown and All.

At the Ingress of the ☉ into ♊ we find a very
peaceable Position; the Moon who is in ♈ to
the place of the last ♈ in 1682. is in ♈ to ♈, ♈
and ♈; Why should there not be Propositions
made for Peace about this time, and that with
success too? it seems very probable, and the
Heavens themselves favour it: God grant it
may succeed, if it is for the advantage of the true
Protestant Religion. and the beating down of
tyranny, Popery, and all Arbitrary Power.
And indeed the ♈ of the ☉ and ♈ doth mightily
perswade me that there will be something done
to the purpose in it in order to its Conclusion.
And if it is now effected, the Illustrious and Va-
liant King of England will be the only Man to do it.

And besides if we consider that ♈, the Celestial Foot-post,
 hath been three times in ♈ to ♈ within a few weeks, and at the
 ingress in ♈ to the Moon in the fifth, the House of Embassies and
 messengers, and Lord of the tenth, the House of Honour and Gran-
 deur, it is the more probable.

The Month is generally spent in things of a private nature and
 quality, such as are the Affairs of States, Kingdoms, Nations, and
 Countries.

Observations upon November.

Gadbury.

Sol Mars and Saturn in a fiery Sign,
(What e're their project is) do there combine.
Something they'll do, perhaps you'll wonder what;
Why then I'll tell you 'tis some knavish Plot.
And something else too, will by them be done,
'They're all in Quartile to the French King's Sun.
Partridge.

November, hang't, that plaguy Powder plot,
Which John so often willfully forgot.
In Eighty Eight too, how this good Man fails?
He thought of nothing then but Prince of Wales!
The Babe being born, a Name you know's his due,
A Name he had, A plaguy long one too.

The former part of this Month will give little
or no Alterations in the publick Affairs and Bu-
siness of Nations and Kingdoms till toward the
end, and then there seems to be Projects and
Projections to the purpose, and these attend
too with something of Violence; for the Rays
and Aspects are generally not only from violent
parts of Heaven, but from humane Signs also.

About the middle of the Month the ☉ comes
to the 8 of ♈, near that eminent fixed Star
called the *Scorpions Heart*, which will spend its
fluence two ways. 1. In the *Elemental World*.
2. In the *Intellectual*. 1. It will give strange
and untoward *Weather*, *Corruscations* in the
Air, and I judge *Thunder* in divers parts as well of this Nation
as others. 2. It gives villanous and treacherous Designs and
Spiracies against the Powers and Government of England in par-
ticular. Here is some cursed piece of *Rogues* at the door, but I
it will be discovered; and the best way to prevent any more
is to hang all you catch, by what Name or Title soever digni-
or distinguished. But this Month will but give a beginning to
Affairs; and therefore you must expect its farther Manage-
ment in the next.

Observations upon December.

Gadbury.

Motion and Time, those Twins, older than Man;
When the dark Chaos alter'd, they began.
They lurk'd throughout the whole; but to appear,
God spake them into being, and they were.
These are the two that work, tho' diff'rent ways;
And as they do begin, conclude our Days,

Partridge.

Now Muse forbear, the Year draws to an end,
And bid Friend John his next Year's Manners mend:
He who by Hocus Pocus, Preists and Tricks,
Foretold a Prince of Wales in Eighty six:
A likely story! for he could not say
When all his Makers were to run away.

Strange Weather ended the last and also be-
gins this, and 'tis such as is not usual. 'Tis ten
to one but there may be a fine stroke of business
at the Old-Baily this Sessions.

The last Luration is perhaps as remarkable
as will happen again in many Years; for
here we find it falls upon an 8 of ♂ and ♀ , and
 ♂ , the \odot and Moon all in \odot in ♂ and ♀ near
the Stars of Orion in ♂ to them all, he above
the Earth in the tenth in Reception with ♂ , and
they all under the Earth peregrine: in a word,
shews Violence and violent Deaths: Let the
rebellious Party take it among 'em.

If a Man should but ask you; how gravely you'd tell one
Of Passive Obedience, yet catch'd in Rebellion:
If Rebellion's a Sin, ye are dipp'd and a sinking.
You Squires o' th' Halter, that hang Men for thinking,
If St. Paul had been here, and by you had been try'd,
(No benefite of Clergy) he'd certainly dy'd,

God save King William and Queen Mary, and
confound their Enemies.

P I N I S.

